

modern digital Scheme commissioned in, March, 1991.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

Branch Post Office In Trichur District

3982. PROF. SHRIMAT SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government propose to open branch Post Offices in Trichur district of Kerala especially at Sreenarayanapuram village;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be opened?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). It is proposed to open three extra departmental branch post offices in Trichur district, subject to justification during 1991-92 at

(i) Adurtrichur,

(ii) Munakkakadavu and

(iii) Thandillam

There is, however, no proposal to open extra departmental post offices at Sreenarayanapuram during the current year.

[Translation]

Hydro Power Projects in Bihar

3983. SHRI SURYA NARAIN YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small and big hydro

power projects in the flood prone districts of northern Bihar and the number of those which have been completed and which are still under construction;

(b) whether the Government propose to start more new projects in the said areas;

(c) if so, the total amount proposed for this purpose; and

(d) the progress made so far regarding these projects and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) In North Bihar, Kosi Hydel Project with an installed capacity of $4 \times 5 = 20$ MW in the district of Saharsa is under operation and Eastern Gandak Canal Hydro-electric Project with an installed capacity of $3 \times 5 = 15$ MW in district of west Champaran is under construction and is scheduled for commissioning during 1992-93.

(b) to (d). At present no Hydro-electric Project of North Bihar is pending for techno-economic clearance in Central Electricity Authority. However, the project report for Tribeni Link Canal H. E. Project $2 \times 1.65 = 3.3$ MW in West Champaran District of North Bihar was examined in Central electricity Authority and returned to Bihar Hydro-electric Power corporation in February, 1990 with a request to resubmit the project report after reviewing all the features in order to reduce the cost of generation.

Post Offices and Sub-Post Offices In Barabanki district of Uttar Pradesh

3984. SHRI RAM SAGAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number and the details of Post Offices and sub-post offices proposed to be opened by Government in the Barabanki district of Uttar Pradesh during 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): It is proposed to open 12 extra departmental branch post offices, subject to justification, in Bara Banki district of U.P. at the following places:-

- 1) Ourgapur Naubasta,
- 2) Jakariya
- 3) Taraganj
- 4) Sukhipur
- 5) Khairi
- 6) Majhiyawan
- 7) Karaundi
- 8) Hidayatpur Sipali
- 9) Mahamau
- 10) Bhatwawan
- 11) Bahrauli and
- 12) Budhera.

[English]

Telecast of Malayalam Programmes from Trivandrum

3985. SHRI PALAI K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Malayalam programmes telecast from Trivandrum Doordarshan are not available in North Kerala and the hilly areas of Idukki and Pathanamthitta;

(b) whether most of the South Indian states have already made arrangements for telecasting programmes in their vernacular

languages;

(c) if so, the whether the Government propose to expedite the process of extending this facility in all parts of Kerala;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) Subject to local terrain conditions, parts of North Kerala and districts of Idukki and Pathanamthitta are covered by regional service programmes originating from Doordarshan Kendra, Trivandrum.

(b) arrangements for relay of regional service programmes originating from Doordarshan Kendras in the respective State Capitals are, at present, available in the Southern of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

(c) to (e). Establishment of facilities for early of regional service programme originating from Doordarshan Kendra, Trivandrum by all the TV transistors in the State of Kerala would depend upon availability of the requisite space segment capacity, adequate resources for the purpose and inter-se priorities.

[Translation]

Post Offices in Panchayats of Bihar

3986. SHRI MAHEDRA BAITHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to open post offices in various Panchayats in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose